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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: TOX Pressotechnik GmbH & Co. KG) Examiner:

Serial Number: 10019727) Art Unit:

Filed: June 14, 2000)

For: Method and Device for Connecting Superimposed Plates

Docket Number: 12396)

RESPONSE
AND
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE TERM

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Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 22, 2004

Sir:

This communication is responsive to your Office Action dated October 24, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for reply that expired January 24, 2004. Accompanying this response is a request for a three-month extension of the term up to and including April 24, 2004. April 24, 2004 is a Saturday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on April 22, 2004.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as shown in the section entitled specification amendments. Due to the large number of amendments, Applicant has included a Specification with Markings to Show Changes Made and a Specification as Amended. No new matter has been added.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled Claim Amendments.

In the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as shown in the section entitled Abstract Amendments.